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DISC DRIVE, AND METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DISTINGUISHING DATA  
STORAGE LAYER

**SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Simultaneously with the filing of the above-identified application with which this Preliminary Amendment is being filed, and prior to the calculation of the filing fee, Applicant hereby amends the application as follows, without prejudice: